

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 14, 1865.

The election recently held in South Carolina for delegates to the State Convention, has furnished additional fuel for the radical fire. The fact that only a small portion of the "Union" candidates have been selected for delegates, is regarded by the champions of negro suffrage as an indubitable proof that there is still vitality in the carcass of slavery, and that the only means of safety lies in the enfranchisement of the blacks. As all the other States under provisional Governments, except Mississippi, are about to follow in the wake of South Carolina; and as this argument of the radicals will be equally applicable to all, it is well that we should see what it is worth. The radicals jump to the conclusion that because the candidates designated as "Union" were generally defeated in South Carolina, that those who are elected must necessarily be anti-Union men. There is no ground for such an inference. Here in New York we have a party which claims the title of Union; but the most malignant radical will hardly venture to say that the party opposing it is disloyal—at least he could not say so conscientiously. Now the radicals have no more tangible ground for imputations against the delegates of the South Carolina Convention, than they would have against political opponents in New York. The delegates to that Convention claim to be animated by a loyal spirit, they apparently mean to do right—other men should then be disinterested in what

There is no more prolific source of disease in this city—to say nothing of the annoyance—that the filth reeking and pestilential sewers which now disgrace New York. It is therefore with pleasure that we notice the prospect of an improvement in this respect. The Croton Aqueduct Commissioners announce that they have adopted a system of sewerage that will remove all the evils now complained of, and relieve the city of the present detriment to public health from this cause. The Commissioners propose to enlarge and improve the present sewers, to make new grades that will carry off their contents rapidly, instead of clogging up, as they now do. Five years is the length of time that is said to be requisite for completing this great work, and a long time to wait it will be. But the public will have ground for hope during the time, and as this is something of which they have heretofore been destitute concerning the sewer nuisances, they will doubtless try to "possess their souls in patience."

TEXTILE FACTORY STRIKES AT UTICA AND AUBURN.—The fact that we have heretofore alluded, are beginning to assume more than a local importance. The operatives in the woolen mills have been on strike for two weeks, but on Monday those in the large cotton mills at Utica stopped work and notified their employers that they would not resume it until their demands were complied with. The result is, that the mills are all closed, the employers absolutely refuse to accede to the terms proposed, and are preparing to sell the raw material on hand with the ostensible determination to have their own way or cease business permanently. It will be remembered that the disagreement was occasioned by an attempt of the factory operatives to establish the ten hour system of labor. Up to the time of the strike they were compelled to labor from twelve to fifteen hours for a day's work, and they very properly determined that this outrageous exaction should no longer continue. If there ever was a justifiable strike certainly this is one; but like all strikes, whether justifiable or not, it is likely to fall heavily upon those engaged in it. If the proprietors of the mills adhere to their avowed determination, the operatives will be placed in a very uncomfortable position, considering that the cold weather is just approaching. They deserve to be assisted by their fellow-laborers, however, for this question of the proper duration of a day's labor is one of great importance to all classes of operatives, in every locality. Ten hours a day is quite long enough to labor, and these exactions of unscrupulous employers should be broken up.

In the SUN of Sept. 9th, we published a communication from the City Inspector, who replied to certain questions relating to the abolition of the fast-boiling establishments and other nuisances detrimental to public health, that now exist in various parts of our city. In that document, Mr. BOON virtually laid the responsibility upon the Mayor. We then called upon his Honor for information upon the subject. Yesterday we received a volume of the laws relating to the Board of Health, and the following communication, which we have no doubt is intended for the information and in recognition of the right of the public to a knowledge of the proper means to be taken to have a nuisance abated. We therefore publish the communication for the benefit of our readers :

reclaim, when it occurs, it has been frequently in connection with the summer term. It will be seen that there is a substantial reason for the action taken, and the places to be reclaimed are not so numerous as it might at first appear. The Mayor and Commissioners of the City of New York may be deemed necessary, and this requirement to be enforced by summary and severe punishment.

With this power vested in the Commissioners of Health who convene the Board of Health in order to cause a nuisance arising from sloths or neglect to be abated?

It is true, answered, but it is no means to detract the exposure, but in the first place the owner becomes liable to such severe penalties that it is not probable they will subject themselves as owners of property to such punishment. Besides, the money can be expended from Trust account, ("Lions on Lots") and for the repayment of the Corporation; and, finally, there has been made an appropriation of \$25,000 for the year for "Contaminated Places in the City Inspector's Department," which certainly can be expended in no better way than removing nuisances endangering the public health.

Another authority, answering the question of 1860 of the Legislature, says that out of 250 laws of 1860 of the Legislature, 100 were for sanitary purposes, and that the Metropolitan Police Department provides it shall be the duty of the police "to preserve the public health," enforce every law relating to the suppression and removal of nuisances.

Whether any nuisance arising from fat boiling establishments can be abated and removed may be ascertained under the provisions of law. It is the duty of the City Inspector to have "considerance of all matters affecting the public health, pursuant to the ordinances of the Common Council, and the lawful requirements of the Commissioners of Health, and of the Board of Health." (Laws 1857, Chap. 440, Sec. 27.)

In relation to horse boiling, (Chap. XLV, the Revised Ordinances of 1869 (page 424, Sec. 18), prohibits any person or persons or corporation to "carry on, establish, prosecute or continue within the City of New York, the occupation, or trade, business, or mode of boiling, bone-burning, tanning, skinning, bone-kilning, cow skinning or skinning of dead animals, or the boiling of offal," under penalty of the fine and imprisonment, and the City Inspector is invested (Sec. 42) with "authority to do all things necessary in order to shut up and discontinue such trade or business, peaceably, and to remove beyond the limits aforesaid, all such offensive or unwelcome matters or things; and (Sec. 43) the expense becomes a lien on the premises, and the owner thereof." (Sec. 44.) It is therefore the duty of the City Inspector to shut down and discontinue the operation of any establishment so situated for the public health of said city, forthwith to remove any nuisance in said city, it shall be the duty of said City Inspector to cause said nuisance forthwith to be abated or removed, at the expense of the owner or owners of any lot or premises upon which the same may exist."

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